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COLLABORATION NETWORK SYSTEM
(Rule 1.53(b) Continuation-In-Part
of Serial No. 09/348,826,
Filed July 8, 1999)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
  Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

   Prior to examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1,   *Please replace the section entitled "TITLE OF THE INVENTION" with the following:*

--TITLE OF THE INVENTION

COLLABORATION NETWORK SYSTEM

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REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendment prior to an examination and consideration of the present application.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached is captioned "**Version with Markings to Show Changes Made**."

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

COLLABORATION NETWORK SYSTEM

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

5   Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to collaboration network systems in which a guest system operating in accordance with various sequences is connected to a host system operating in accordance with its own sequence, and the guest system executes

10   distribution processing on a job by utilizing resources included in the host system. More particularly, the present invention relates to a multi-network system in which an already-existing client server network is connected to a peripheral device or another client server network as a new client so as to constitute

15   a guest network having the newly provided client as a server. More particularly, the present invention further relates to a collaboration network system in which the server in the guest network executes distribution processing on the respective resources included in the multi-network system in accordance with

20   a job request from a user.

Description of the Background Art

Conventionally, when executing distribution processing on a job in a client server network being a distributing-type

25   processing system, a user or network manager needs to selectively

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